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VIEW FROM THE TOWER

The needs and values of Society today challenge the concept of libraries as viable institutions. NAL is engaged in revitalizing its image from a library as a storehouse of books to a library as an active marketer of information. Two new programs effecting this change are described for us by John Sherrod, Director, NAL. Support of NAL as a leader in the coordination and dissemination of agricultural literature is an important objective of the Associates NAL. Other programs and major activities will be brought to the attention of the Associates in future Newsletters.

It is our intention that this Newsletter will be published quarterly. Newsletter No. 2 dated March 1972 was delayed in publication, so No. 3, April 1972 follows hard upon its heels. The next issue is scheduled for July. It will include a report on the Annual Meeting and an account of the presentation of the permanent Lincoln Exhibit by the Associates NAL to the Library.

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A new feature in this Newsletter is a column devoted to the activities of our members. Please send us notes on your projects, writings and activities of interest to our colleagues.

ANGELINA J. CARABELLI
PRESIDENT

NEW PROGRAMS AT NAL

The National Agricultural Libraries Network

The Network was formally initiated on January 17, 1972, with the organizational meeting of an ad hoc National Advisory Council. The Network is a cooperative organization intended to include the 69 land-grant universities libraries and the National Agricultural Library. The basic structure and planned services are incorporated in a Policy Statement subscribed to by the Council. Copies are available from NAL upon request.

The overall purposes of the National Agricultural Libraries Network are:

- " . . .to provide agriculturalists with an expanded
range and access to literature and other
informational sources . . ."
- " . . .to provide users with speedy responses to
requests requiring interinstitutional assistance. . ."
- " . . .to improve subject access to agricultural
literature and to extend coverage. . ."
- " . . .to inform users and librarians about the
range of services and information available. . ."
- " . . .to provide land-grant libraries and the NAL
with the means to develop more equitable and
responsive uses of their research collections
and services. . ."

Services being considered are: a document delivery system among the 69 institutions, a bibliographic and indexing scheme, selective dissemination of information programs, a microform program coordinated with a storage and retention plan, and an awareness service on agricultural information resources. Some services will go through testing and development stages on a regional or State basis before being implemented nationally. The National Agricultural Library will provide the coordination of resources and management of programs. Policies will be set by the National Advisory Council.

Members of the Council are: Dr. John L. Adams, University of Nebraska; Dr. LeMoyne W. Anderson, Colorado State University; Mr. Grieg Aspnes, Cargill, Inc.; Dr. George M. Browning, Iowa State University; Dr. Richard E. Chapin, Michigan State University; Mr. Benford H. Conley, Alabama A&M University; Mr. T. N. McMullan, Louisiana State University; Dr. Darrel S. Metcalfe, University of Arizona; Mr. John Sherrod, National Agricultural Library; Mr. Benjamin Spada, Forest Service, USDA; Dr. G. W. Thomas, New Mexico State University; Dr. Glen D. Vandenberg, Agricultural Research Service, USDA; and Mrs. Virginia P. Whitney, Rutgers University.

Dr. Anderson was elected Chairman of the Council, and Dr. Chapin, Vice-Chairman.

The National Agricultural Libraries Network and its research and development program are the first components in the Agricultural Sciences Information Network being planned by the USDA and the land-grant institutions.

International Information System for the
Agricultural and Related Sciences (AGRIS)

The growth of the agricultural literature in recent years has been such that it is now clear that only a sustained and systematic effort, based on international cooperation, can ensure the proper processing and dissemination of this knowledge for the benefit of all users.

Since 1969, NAL has urged the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to assume a coordinating role for the development and operation of a

world-wide system for agriculture similar to those in operation for chemistry and atomic physics. On November 22, 1971, the FAO Conference meeting in Rome passed a resolution without a dissenting vote supporting development of the proposed network.

The new system will have a major impact on both acquisitions and indexing at NAL. It is expected ultimately to nearly double the amount of agricultural documentation available to the NAL at no significant increase in cost to the Library.

Photocopies of the basic system plan and other supporting documents can be ordered from the NAL Photoduplication Service.

JOHN SHERROD
Director, NAL

HAPPENINGS AT NAL

Exhibits

Watercolors and technical drawings by Regina O. Hughes are on display in the Lobby of the National Agricultural Library March 1 - April 28. The exhibit includes original scientific drawings prepared as illustrations for the works of such eminent scientists as Dr. Sydney Blake, Dr. Bernice Schubert, curator of the Arnold Arboretum, Dr. Howard Scott Gentry, Dr. E. E. Leppik, and Dr. Llewellyn Williams. Mrs. Hughes prepared the drawings for Selected Weeds of the United States, a landmark of botanical literature. A number of these original drawings are on exhibit.

Regina Olson Hughes came to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1930 as a scientific illustrator and translator. In 1962, she received the Department's Superior Service Award "for outstanding performance in preparing interpretive, accurate, original, detailed illustrations of plants representing many species, and in abstracting scientific papers, and translating foreign publications." A number of her florals and landscapes commemorating her foreign travels have been loaned to the exhibit by friends and co-workers.

NAL Accepts Volin Manuscript

Angelina J. Carabelli, President of the Associates of the National Agricultural Library, Inc., Beltsville, Maryland, announced Mar. 17 the deposit in the Library of the manuscript of the late Dr. Lazar Volin's book A Century of Russian Agriculture from Alexander II to Khrushchev by his widow, Rose Volin.

This manuscript is a working copy and contains the author's revisions and marginal notes. Such emendations illustrate the development of the author's train of thought as he prepared his work for publication. In addition, the manuscript illustrates the usual press editing for style and clarity of exposition.

Dr. Lazar Volin was born in the Minsk province of Russia in 1896 and died in the United States in 1966. He took his A.B. and his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Michigan. In 1926, he joined the staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and devoted himself to a lifetime study of Russian agriculture. At the time of his retirement he was Chief of the East European Branch of the Economic Research Service, USDA.

Dr. Volin's manuscript may be consulted in the Rare Books area at the Library. For appointments, call Dr. Alan Fusonie, Curator (345-6200, x344).

Arbor Day, April 5, 1972

The National Agricultural Library observed Arbor Day with the planting of a new hybrid elm on its front lawn. Mr. Kevin Keaney, NAL's Personnel Officer, spoke as Master of Ceremonies on the significance of Arbor Day to libraries and reflected lightly and humorously on the tree in literature.

"Libraries," he noted "depend on books: and books come from paper, and paper from trees." Musing further he commented on the contribution of the tree to literature as evidenced in the works of Longfellow and Joyce Kilmer.

This new elm, designated as Delaware No. 1, is a cross between an unnamed selection from The Netherlands and the Siberian elm, Ulmus pumila. It is resistant to the



Dutch elm disease, which has destroyed many of the traditional American elm.

Dr. August E. Kehr, Plant Science Division, Agricultural Research Service, in presenting the tree to the National Agricultural Library noted that this new cultivar, developed at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Shade Tree Laboratory in Delaware, Ohio, has not yet been named. Within a few years he hopes enough of these hybrid trees will be available for distribution to commercial nurseries and sale to the public.

Dr. Joseph F. Caponio, Associate Director, NAL accepted the tree on behalf of the National Agricultural Library. Guests and staff members were invited to share in the symbolic significance of Arbor Day by shoveling a spadeful of dirt into the planting hole.

Poultry Hall of Fame

The dedication and presentation of five new portraits to the Poultry Hall of Fame at NAL will take place on May 15 during the annual meeting of the American Poultry Historical Association at the Library.

Portraits of the new honorees and those of twenty-seven persons previously honored will be on permanent display in the 14th floor gallery at the National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland. The American Poultry Historical Society Hall of Fame election is held every three years. The Society appoints a committee of thirty poultry leaders to select the honorees. Selections are made from among persons who have rendered a lifetime of outstanding service to the poultry industry.

The new honorees are Don Cameron Warren, Fremont, California; Jesse Dickson Jewell, Gainesville, Georgia; Victor William Henningsen, New York City; Joseph Holmes Martin, Lafayette, Indiana; and Oscar August Henke, Mount Morris, Illinois.

The establishment of the Poultry Hall of Fame is a significant corollary to the extensive collections of books, periodicals and related materials on poultry at the Library.

As an institutional member, the APHS has been an active supporter of The Associates NAL, Inc. It is hoped that this gesture of APHS will prompt the donation of



supporting collections of research materials from other institutions and societies in the agricultural sciences to the Library through The Associates.

Our Members

Mr. Jeff C. Dykes, author, bookseller, and collector spoke on April 7 at the NAL Professional Staff Luncheon on J. Frank Dobie. Mr. Dykes has specialized in collecting range and livestock books with particular emphasis on Frank Dobie, the late great historian of the West. His talk concerned his career as collector and bibliographer. Mr. Dykes has presented his J. Frank Dobie Collection to Texas A&M University Library and his latest book, My Dobie Collection was officially released at the presentation as Keepsake No. I of the Friends of the Texas A&M University Library.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Brown, Librarian, Agricultural Library, University of Kentucky has accepted a special assignment with the Universidad de Oriente, Cumaná, Venequela April - July 1972.

1972 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT NAL

Exhibits

January/February.....Horses in Our Lives

The Economic Scene

March/April.....The Art of Regina Hughes: technical
illustrations & paintings

May.....Poultry: some old & new books

June/August.....Settling the West: books & artifacts

July.....Decorative Uses of Botanical Materials -
Erica Conner

August.....Floral Paintings - Alice Slot

September.....Birds in Agriculture

Rare Ornithological Prints

October.....Tobacco: history, culture, uses

November.....Books for Young Readers in the
Agricultural Sciences



December..... Holiday Arrangements
The Art of Cookery

Special Events

April 5..... Arbor Day
Tree Planting: 11:30 a.m.

April 21..... Council on Botanical and Horticultural
Libraries Meeting

May 16..... Associates NAL, Inc.
Annual Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
Presentation of the Lincoln Exhibit: 2:00 p.m.

May 17..... American Poultry Historical Association
Annual Meeting: 1:00 p.m.
Dedication of Poultry Hall of Fame

Reminder

Reservations for the Annual Meeting luncheon are due May 1, 1972. While late reservations will be accepted, we do have to advise our caterer of the number of guests expected. So do hurry and send in those reservations!

Miss Leila Moran, Executive Secretary
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_____ I plan to attend the Annual Luncheon. Enclcded is my check for \$ _____

_____ Number of reservations @ \$3.00 each

_____ I do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting and Luncheon

(Signature)

